

# Weekly Update

A Weekly Review of Achievements & Activities in Cleburne ISD

April 4-11, 2016

## District to Host Community Forum on Bond 2016 Thursday, April 14

Cleburne ISD will present information on the May 7 bond election in a Community Forum set for Thursday, April 14 at 6 PM in the Lyceum at Cleburne High School. The \$130.5 million referendum includes the construction of a new high school on the existing site; the conversion of the current high school into a Career/Technical Education and Fine Arts facility; new instructional technology for all CISD classrooms and one-to-one mobile devices for all middle school and high school students and upgrades and renovations at Cooke and Coleman Elementary Schools. Information on the bond is posted on the CISD homepage under the Bond 2016 tab. The District will host a second Community Forum, for parents and residents of CISD, on April 21 at 6 PM in the CHS Lyceum. Early voting will begin April 25.

## Two Cleburne High School Students to Compete at National Level



Cleburne High School students Dylan Williams, left, and Jorge Hernandez, right, will be competing at the national level in their respective career/technology education student organizations following top wins in state skills events.

Williams, who is a CHS sophomore, will be in Nashville at the end of April to compete in Automotive Services Marketing at the 2016 DECA International Career Development Conference.



Hernandez was awarded the gold medal in the highly-competitive Medical Math event at the SkillsUSA state conference held April 1-2. He will represent Texas at the National competition taking place in June in Louisville, Kentucky.

## Middle School Bands to Compete in District UIL Concert/Sightreading This Week; Smith Wind Ensemble to Perform Commissioned Music



Members of the Wheat and Smith Middle School Symphonic Bands and Wind Ensembles will be competing this week in UIL Concert and Sightreading contests at Burleson-Centennial High School. The Wheat Symphonic Band will perform Tuesday at 5:40 PM; the Smith



Symphonic Band is scheduled Wednesday at 9:45 AM. The Wheat Wind Ensemble will compete Thursday at 11 AM, followed by the Smith Wind Ensemble at 11:25.

The Smith Wind Ensemble will debut a piece commissioned by the SMS band program from composer Jim Colonna entitled "Daza con Gioia." Special permission from the UIL was obtained for inclusion in the their concert performance at Thursday's contest. The original music score will also be presented at the Smith Spring Concert in May.

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**8-5A DISTRICT TRACK MEET APRIL 13-14 JOSHUA HS STADIUM**

## Coleman Colts Raise \$1,440 for Children's Advocacy Center



Coleman Elementary students Kodi Bourg, Jaci Thompson, Sarah Mathison, Maddlyn Mathison, Hunter Harmon, Amy Scott and Nathan Williams, pictured with Principal Marla Roth, were among the many Colts who helped raise \$1,1443 for Children's Advocacy Center of Johnson County. Students had



the opportunity to purchase strips of tape, which were used to "stick" Mrs. Roth to the wall, in raising funds for CAC. Coleman kindergarten students and teachers, right, were among those from several campuses that participated in "Show Your Blue Day" on Friday, joining with CAC to show their support for the fight against child abuse. April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

## Campus Garden Planted at Cooke Elementary with Help From Hill College Students



From constructing plant boxes to planting seeds, Cooke Elementary students have been involved in the creation of a campus garden, with help from Hill College biology students. Kalika Rivera and Debanhi Moreno, left, were among the Cooke fifth graders who used math



and construction skills in building planter boxes in preparation for Wednesday's planting of herbs, flowers, vegetables and a variety of seeds. Each grade level has their own section within the garden, which they will water and work.

## 34 Technology Student Association Members in State Competition This Week

Cleburne High School will be well represented at the Texas Technology Student Association State Conference, with 34 students and 73 entries. The state competition will be held April 14-16 in Waco. At the Regional contest, the Cleburne chapter had the highest point total among all 5A and 6A chapters competing.

## Cleburne Powerlifters Lexi Harris and Ernesto Ibarra Put in Mighty Performances at State



State Gold Medalist Lexi Harris, left, and senior Ernesto Ibarra, who placed 10th in state in his weight group, will be among the students honored by Trustees at the April 18 school board meeting. Harris, who is a junior, qualified for the state meet for the third consecutive year. In addition to taking the gold medal in the 220-plus weight class, Lexi set three new state records and was named 2016 Overall MVP.



## First United Methodist Church Named 2016 Adopter of the Year for Involvement at Santa Fe



First United Methodist Church Pastor Robert Herzig, left, and Vance Castles, far right, accepted the 2016 Adopter of the Year Award from the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the 100 church members serving as mentors



and volunteers at Santa Fe Elementary School. They are pictured with Counselor Jennifer Martin, center left, and Principal Sabina Landeros. The Marti Elementary Honor Choir, right, along with CHS UIL Solo and Ensemble State Qualifiers Melanie Looper, Dalton Parkinson, Jesus Rodriguez, Brent Cogdill and Addi Horton, and members of the Marshallese Dance Team from Wheat Middle School served as entertainers at the awards presentation which took place Wednesday at the Chamber of Commerce quarterly luncheon.